

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: HONDA et al.  
Serial No.: Unassigned  
Filed: July 25, 2003  
For: IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION OR EXPANSION METHOD  
AND APPARATUS, AND IMAGE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM  
AND MONITORING SYSTEM USING THE METHOD AND  
DEVICE  
Group: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 25, 2003

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of 10/086,711, filed March 4, 2002, which in turn is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/289,937, filed April 13, 1999. The disclosure of both applications is incorporated herein by reference.--